

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto is one (1) sheet of corrected formal drawings. The corrected formal drawings incorporate the following drawing changes:

In Fig. 5, the flow control symbol 'Yes' next to the input pointer of the block 260 is relocated to the output pointer at the bottom of the block 260.

It is respectfully requested that the corrected formal drawings be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.

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REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough consideration provided the present application. Claim 7 is now present in the application. The drawings and claim 7 have been amended. Claims 1-6 and 8-18 have been cancelled. Claim 7 is independent. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that dependent claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant greatly appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter by the Examiner.

By the present amendment, claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim 1 and the intervening claim 5. Accordingly, it is believed that claim 7 is in condition for allowance.

Drawings

The drawings have amended to remove the presence of minor informalities. Applicant has submitted one (1) sheet of corrected formal drawings. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is entered. Entry of the above amendments to the drawings is earnestly solicited.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As the Examiner will note, claim 16 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the merits thereof. Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection has been obviated and/or rendered moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, are therefore respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 & 103

Claims 1-6, 8, and 16-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yi et al. (US 6,771,603 B2). Claims 9-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yi in view of Sachs et al. (US 2006/0154603 A1). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

As the Examiner will note, claims 1-6 and 8-18 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the merits thereof. Applicant respectfully submits that these rejections have been obviated and/or rendered moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 are therefore respectfully requested

CONCLUSION

Since the remaining patents cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject the claims, but merely to show the state of the prior art, no further comments are necessary with respect thereto.

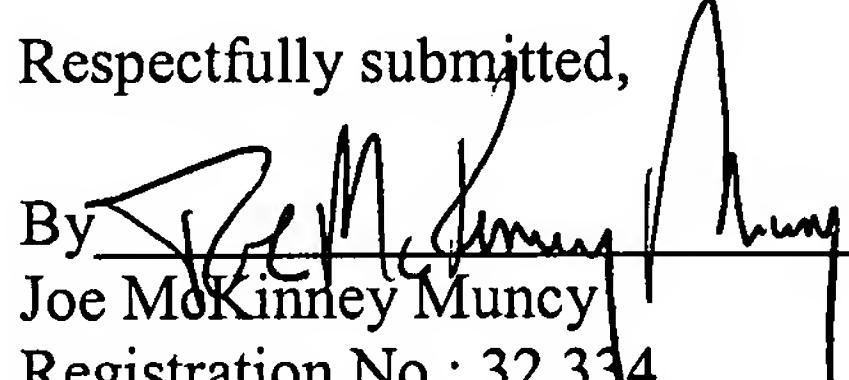
It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Joe McKinney Muncy, Registration No. 32,334 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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